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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 May 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Notice To Applicant

1. This communication is in response to the application filed on 3 May 2001.

Claims 1-9 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-9 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mayaud (5,845,255; hereinafter Mayaud).

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(A) As per Claim 1, Mayaud discloses a computerized communication system for communication of information about a liquid dosage formulation comprising a medicinal compound and delivery of the information between a health care provider organization and a central source of such information comprising:

- (a) at least one data input means available to the health care provider organization for inputting information about needs of one or more patients for the liquid dosage formulation (Mayaud: col. 4, lines 31-43; col. 7, lines 57-67; Figs. 3 and 16);
- (b) program means executable by at least one data processing means for processing said patient information into a format for transmission thereof over an interactive communication network (Mayaud: col. 14, lines 57-67; col. 7, lines 30-45; Fig. 16); and
- (c) a server system for containing information about the liquid dosage formulation and for transmitting said information to the health care provider organization over the interactive communication network in response to receipt of patient information from the health care provider organization (Mayaud: col. 7, lines 33-35; col. 26, lines 21-22; Fig. 16).

(B) As per Claim 2, Mayaud discloses the computerized communication system of Claim 1, wherein:

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a unique identification code is associated with each health care provider organization in its transmission of information to the server system (Mayaud: col. 6, line 20).

Mayaud teaches that its prescription management system is designed for various prescribing entities (i.e., customers), such as hospitals (i.e., provider organization) and the like. As such, Examiner considers "customer" to read on "provider organization."

(C) As per Claim 3, Mayaud discloses the computerized communication system of Claim 2, wherein:

a unique individual sub-identification code is associated with each person at the health care provider organization who accesses the computerized communication system (Mayaud: col. 17, lines 42-43).

(D) As per Claim 4, Mayaud discloses the computerized communication system of Claim 3, wherein:

a unique request identifier is associated with each receipt of patient information processed by the server system (Mayaud: col. 18, lines 62-65).

Examiner considers a date and time stamp to read on "unique request identifier" and "access to patient data" to read on "receipt of patient information."

(E) As per Claim 5, Mayaud discloses the computerized communication system of Claim 4, wherein:

the server system further comprises a table associating unique individual sub identification codes with unique request identifiers (Mayaud: col. 17, lines 60-67 and col. 18, lines 1-2 and lines 62-65).

Examiner considers "log" to read on "table," "accessor ID" to read on "unique individual sub identification codes" and a date and time stamp to read on "unique request identifier."

(F) As per Claim 6, Mayaud discloses the computerized communication system of Claim 4, wherein:

the server system, after each receipt of patient information from the program means executable by at least one data processing means, associates the unique individual sub-identification code of the person associated with the health care provider organization sending the patient information with the unique request identifier to form a Health Care Provider Experience Table (Mayaud: col. 17, lines 60-67 and col. 18, lines 1-2 and lines 62-65).

Examiner considers "log" to read on "table," "accessor ID" to read on "unique individual sub identification codes" and a date and time stamp to read on "unique request identifier."

(G) As per Claim 7, Mayaud discloses the computerized communication system of Claim 6, wherein:

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after receipt of patient information and a unique individual sub-identification code, the server system accesses the Health Care Provider Experience Table before transmitting information to the health care provider organization (Mayaud: col. 13, lines 25-46).

(H) As per Claim 8, Mayaud discloses the computerized communication system of Claim 1, wherein:

the information transmitted to the health care provider organization by the server system is formulation information (Mayaud: col. 11, line 9).

The Examiner has noted insofar as claim 8 recites "selected from the group consisting of formulation information, information about liquid dosage formulation products, information about sourcing liquid dosage formulation products, information about ordering liquid dosage formulation products, contact information that can be employed to access information about liquid dosage formulations, and the identity of others within the health care provider organization who have made similar requests for information," formulation information is recited.

(I) As per Claim 9, Mayaud discloses the computerized communication system of Claim 1, wherein:

the interactive communication network is the Internet (Mayaud: col. 48, lines 1-2).

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to Applicant's disclosure. The cited but not applied art teaches a prescription creation system (5,737,539); a medication monitoring system and apparatus (6,421,650); an apparatus and method for processing and/or providing healthcare information and/or healthcare-related information (6,283,761); a system for dispensing drugs in health care institutions (4,847,764); and an interactive medication ordering system (5,758,095).

The cited but not applied prior art also includes non-patent literature articles by Larry Stevens ("MDs Welcome E-Prescriptions -- New Web Services Let Physicians Prescribe Drugs" Mar. 27, 2000. InternetWeek. Iss. 806. pg. 31.), Business Editors ("ePhysician Hits 12,000 Electronic Prescription Mark and Begins to Give Away 10,000 Palm Pilots to Physicians" Mar. 20, 2000. Business Wire. pg. 1.) and Darnell Little ("Allscripts Inc. Expands Into Online Pharmacy Market" Feb. 16, 2000. Chicago Tribune. pg. 1.).

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mike Tomaszewski whose telephone number is (571)272-8117. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:00 am - 3:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Thomas can be reached on (571)272-6776. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.


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